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	10/811,046	FROST ET AL.
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/26/04.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 6-11 and 15-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 6-11 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 15-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 26 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

1. The Examiner acknowledges receipt of the amendment filed 3/26/04 wherein the specification was amended; claims 1-5 and 12-14 were canceled; and claims 6 and 15 were amended.

Note: Claims 6-11 and 15-18 are pending.

APPLICANT'S INVENTION

2. Applicant's invention is directed to method of diagnosing, estimating the severity of, and monitoring the progression of dementia in a subject by administering a compound of formulae I and II as set forth in independent claims 6 and 15.

112 SECOND PARAGRAPH REJECTIONS

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claims 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 15-18: The claims as written are ambiguous because in independent claim 15, the variable 'X' has not been defined. Thus, since claims 16-18 dependent on independent claim 15, those claims are also ambiguous. The claims were examined as if X = oxygen or sulfur.

103 REJECTIONS

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Musachio et al (Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting, 1996, Vol. 37, No. 5, Supplement, Abstract No. 155, page 41P) in view of Maziere (Pharmac. Ther., 1995, Vol. 66, pages 83-101).

Musachio et al disclose a compound, CP-126,998, that is radiolabeled with carbon-11. The radiotracer is used for in vivo studies of acetylcholinesterase via PET analysis. In vivo mice studies indicated that the radiotracer had the greatest uptake in the striatum, a brain region, thirty minutes after injection. In addition, Musachio et al disclose that the study of acetylcholinesterase via PET analysis is of interest because of the reduced enzyme activity in Alzheimer's disease. Also, it is disclosed that initial results obtained by their studies indicated that [C-11] CP-126,998 might be useful as a marker for the study of acetylcholinesterase in humans using PET (see abstract).

Musachio et al fail to specifically state that their invention may be used diagnosing, monitoring, or estimating the severity of dementia. However, the reference does disclose that acetylcholinesterase is a marker for Alzheimer's disease. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to used the compound disclosed in Musachio et al for dementia because the references

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analyzes the enzyme associated with Alzheimer's disease. Hence, a skilled practitioner in the art would recognize that one might analyze the enzyme and diagnose, monitor, or estimate the severity of Alzheimer's disease (a dementia condition). Furthermore, a skilled practitioner in the art would be motivated to use the method as set forth in the instant invention in a human because Musachio et al disclose that their initial studies indicated that the [C-11] CP-126,998 might be a useful marker for the study of acetylcholinesterase in humans via PET.

Musachio et al also fail to disclose other compounds wherein Applicant's R1 is various alkyl substituents. In addition, the reference fails to disclose other radioisotopes that may be conjugated to the compounds for PET or SPECT analysis.

Maziere discloses in vivo markers of acetylcholinesterase, vesicular acetylcholine transporter, brain and heart muscarinic receptors, or cholinergic nicotinic reporters. The markers may be used for single photon emission computerize tomography (SPECT) or positron emission tomography (PET). In particular, it is disclosed that for PET analysis carbon-11, fluorine-18, or bromine-76 may be used. In addition, Maziere discloses that iodine-123 may be used for SPECT analysis (see entire document, especially, page 83, abstract; page 85, section 2; page 94, section 8). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Musachio et al using the teachings of Maziere and generate compounds useful in Alzheimer disease and for detecting acetylcholinesterase in a subject's brain because (1) Maziere discloses that for PET studies the main positron emitter radionuclides for labeling are carbon-11, fluorine-18, and bromine-76. (2) Maziere discloses that for

SPECT analysis iodine-123 is commonly used. (3) A skilled practitioner in the art would recognize that the replacement of a hydrogen atom with a lower alkyl, C1-C6 alkyl, is within the skill of a practitioner in the art because it is well established that the substitution of hydrogen for a lower alkyl on a known compound is not a patentable modification absent unexpected or unobvious results. (4) In addition, both Maziere and Musachio et al are directed to in vivo markers of acetylcholinesterase. Thus, the references may be considered to be within the same field of endeavors. Hence, their teachings are combinable.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

7. Claims 6-11 are allowable over the prior art of record. In particular, the claims are distinguished over the prior art of record because the prior art neither anticipates nor renders obvious a method of diagnosing, estimating the severity of, or monitoring the progression of dementia wherein a compound of formula I as set forth in independent claim 6 is administered.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. L. Jones whose telephone number is (571) 272-0617. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 6:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Hartley can be reached on (571) 272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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